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DISASTER TO BRITISH

Boers Check General Methuen at Modder River.

HE REPORTS HIS LOSSES HEAVY.

Major General Wauchope Killed in the Engagement—General Methuen Holding His Position and Throwing Up Intrenchments—Says He Had to Face 12,000 Boers with His Inferior Force—British Troops Make a Sortie from Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Forester-Walker:

"Cape Town, Dec. 12.—Methuen wires that Major General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Methuen, dated Tuesday, Dec. 12:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje, from 4 until dusk, Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlands' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery attacked the enemy on the left and the guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade."

Losses Were Great.

"The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder river. Today I am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

General Methuen, as expected, followed up his artillery attack with a general assault on the Boer positions Monday and his report shows that the anxiety of the public regarding the result occasioned by the ominous silence of the war office was amply justified. The engagement was evidently of considerable magnitude and the list of the killed and wounded will be proportionate without the compensation which a victory would have brought, if, indeed, the affair does not turn out to be a more serious defeat than General Methuen admits.

May Have Outflanked British.

The Highlanders, it is believed, must have stormed the Boer position more than once, while the fact that the Guards were ordered to support the Highlanders' rear, looks as though the Boers may even have outflanked their attackers. One report says that General Cronje attacked the British. The only compensation the British have been able to discover in the disappointing story is in General Methuen's statement that he maintains his position close to the Boers, arousing hope that he will relieve the situation. It is apparent that the bombardment of Saturday and Sunday did not shake the Boers' grip on their position, and it seems certain that they merely withdrew their guns and riflemen under cover, while General Methuen indulged in the usual artillery preliminaries Monday and that when the British guns were obliged to cease firing, owing to the danger of hitting the advancing troops, the Boers speedily re-occupied their trenches and overwhelmed the Highlanders with a terrible fire, probably accompanied by a bayonet charge on the British right flank and rear.

Alarm in Many Quarters.

Alarm is beginning to be expressed in many quarters as to the situation of General Methuen. As the Westminster Gazette says: "If England ever needed a victory it is now, and it is to Buller, the soldier, strong, cool-headed and reticent, that the country looks for this victory."

The other papers are abusing the government for its "complacent optimism" and inability to grasp the strength of the opposition it has to overcome in South Africa. Considerable significance attaches to General Methuen's statement that he is entrenching himself, indicating fear that the Boers may follow up their advantage, adopt the offensive and attack him. Indeed, the gravity of the situation from the British point of view can hardly be overestimated. General Methuen's long lines of communication to De Aar are most vulnerable. Should they be cut, General Methuen will find himself in a very tight place, if only from lack of supplies.

Boers Decline to Furnish Names.

It is said that Pushman's Hoek is impregnable. The Boers decline to furnish the names of the killed or wounded. They say they buried the dead and are sending the prisoners to Bloemfontein. The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have been four killed and nine wounded. Probably this is correct, as no genuine attack was delivered by General Gatacre's troops, who were completely surprised while in column. The British apparently simply rushed up the nearest hill, without orders or knowing where the enemy was. It also appears that the British were so exhausted that they were unable to accomplish anything. They had been on the move since 4 a. m. Sunday, traveling by train, in open trucks, in the broiling sun, to Moiento. After an hour's rest they proceeded on a long march over the most difficult unknown country.

Boy Babies and City Life.

Cities are more favorable to women, for statistics show that more boy babies die under 6 months in cities than girl babies. Families, according to the statistics, are larger in cities than in the country. There are more marriages in proportion to the population in cities than in the country, and also more divorces. The foreign population in cities is being eliminated, and in 20 years from now we shall practically have nothing but American cities.—St. Paul Globe.

The Sailor and the Figurehead.

Old sailors sigh as they wander around the water front these days and note the disappearance of the famous old figurehead, which used to be the delight of every clipper ship's crew. They were huge wooden images of almost everything imaginable, but the female form predominated. Many figureheads were to represent the fair one after whom the ship was named, and there is an old sea yarn about a sailor who fell in love with the handsome wooden female which adorned his ship. He used to slip down the "dolphin striker" and hang on there, while the ship bowed and lurched, talking love to the figurehead. Finally, according to forecastle tradition, the figure sneezed, and the sailor, who was known as "Lovely Mike," because he was the ugliest man that ever set foot on a ship's deck, nearly fell into the sea. He recovered his senses and said, "Did you speak?"

"No, I didn't speak," returned the figure. "I just sneezed to attract your attention. You're known as 'Lovely Mike,' ain't you? You're a married man, ain't you? And your wife has to take in washing both when you're at home and when you're away, because she can never get a cent out of you. Mr. Farmer, just climb back to the forecastle and don't bother any more about me."

This rather curt interview is alleged to have worked a marked change in Mike, and when he got home he astonished his wife by giving her a couple of dollars.—Baltimore News.

Fish Poisoning.

In the United States fish poisoning is most frequently due to decomposition in canned fish. The most prominent symptoms are nausea, vomiting and purging. Sometimes there is a scarlatinous rash, which may cover the whole body. The writer has studied two outbreaks of this kind of fish poisoning. In both instances canned salmon was the cause of the trouble. Although a discussion of the treatment of food poisoning is foreign to this paper, the writer must call attention to the danger in the administration of opiates in cases of poisoning with canned fish.

Vomiting and purging are efforts on the part of nature to remove the poison and should be assisted by the stomach tube and by irrigation of the colon. In one of the cases seen by the writer large doses of morphine had been administered in order to check the vomiting and purging and to relieve the pain. In this case death resulted. The danger of arresting the elimination of the poison in all cases of food poisoning cannot be too emphatically condemned.—Victor C. Vaughan in Popular Science Monthly.

About Capers.

"About 8,000 kegs and barrels of capers, a small, sour berry resembling in color and shape a green pea, are annually imported into the United States from Spain and France," said a wholesale dealer in all sorts of foreign condiments in New York to the writer recently. "Capers grow on a bush, and are extensively used by all classes of cooks in this country for garnishing salads and making a sauce which is usually served with boiled mutton and other meats. There are four sizes of capers. The smallest are commercially known as nonpareils and the three other sizes are called capucines, capotes and surfines. The smallest capers are the most desirable and bring the most money. Very few capers are imported in glass. They are shipped to America in kegs and barrels, holding from 15 to 40 gallons of the berries in brine or vinegar. The work of bottling the capers is done by the wholesale dealers."—Washington Star.

Bridegroom's Fatal Indiscretion.

A queer case of cannibalism is reported as having recently taken place in the Solomon Islands. The Jeannette took from Noumea a Kanna who had acted as orderly to the immigration office there and was on his honeymoon with his wife, intending to land at Aoba, where his wife's tribe lives. He, however, made the mistake of disembarking among the wrong tribe and was at once seized by the natives, overpowered, killed and eaten.

The widow was provided by the tribe with a second husband.—London Mail.

Saved Two Cents.

Mr. Pnce—You expect to be in San Francisco next week? By the way, you know where my aunt out there lives. I have just written a letter to her. Would you mind delivering it some day as you pass the house?

Mr. Pnce's Friend—No; but I might forget it. I think I'll just put a stamp on it and drop it into the first letter box.

Mr. Pnce—All right. I don't care how you get it to her.—Chicago Tribune.

The Great Debate.

When the uncertainty had become well nigh intolerable, Science ventured to go to the Serpent directly. "Is it or is it not a fact, O Serpent," asked Science, "that you swallow your young when you are attacked?"

"Well, I always try to hold my own," replied the Serpent modestly, "it is true, but evasively withal. And so the bitter controversy wages on."—Detroit Journal.

America's Position Among Nations.

An English traveler who has recently been in this country remarks, in making a comparison between the principal great nations of the world, that "holy Russia is a formidable idea. Great Britain is a picturesque and pregnant idea, but the United States is a self-conscious, clearly defined and heroically vindicated idea, in whose further vindication the whole world is concerned."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

AGUINALDO DISGUISED.

The Insurgent Leader Changed His Individuality.

HIDING IN PROVINCE OF BENGUET.

Major General Otis Sends Some Stirring News from the Philippines, Which Goes to Show That the Insurgents Are at the End of Their Resources from a Military Point of View—Many Spanish Prisoners Rescued.

Washington, Dec. 13.—General Otis had some stirring news to report from Manila, his advice going to show that the insurgents are, as he predicted, a few days ago, at the end of their resources, from a military point of view, and are melting away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points. His cablegrams were as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 13.—Fifty men of the navy and fifty men of the army, transported by the navy, took Laog on the 10th inst. General Young with staff followed next day. He reports Howe with Pennsylvania battalion of the Thirty-fourth, followed by a portion of the Thirty-third infantry, passed north to Pidding, east of Laog. March's battery of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan province of Leganto on 7th inst. The Third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy."

Released Spanish Prisoners.

Young states his extreme northern force passed over mountains, driving the insurgents under General Tino, who was badly wounded, killing fifty and wounding many. He made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation, and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section to the number of about 2,000. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tino's command. March's battalion of the Thirty-third reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th inst., that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard, killed General Gregorio Pilar, received the surrender of General Consepelon and staff; killed and wounded fifty-two insurgents; released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars, and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded. My information is that Aguinaldo has disguised his individuality; abandoned his troops and is hiding in the Province of Benguet."

Surrender Unconditionally.

General Otis' second dispatch follows: "Manila, Dec. 13.—Admiral Watson informs me that the Province of Cagayan surrendered unconditionally to Captain McCalla of the Newark on 11th inst., all arms being surrendered. Major Batchelder is ninety miles south of Appari, command in good condition. Navy will take supplies to Batchelder in launch at once; this surrender doubtless includes the Province of Isabela. General Bates, at Zamboanga, reports affairs there satisfactory. Nearly all rifles surrendered; MacArthur, at Bayombong, reports that he holds as prisoner of war Mabini, the ablest of insurgents, and founder of the late government."

A Heartless Maiden.

There is a girl in town who, being both bright and pretty, has a good many admirers, but the most ardent of all happens to be a peddy old grass widower, with two grandchildren and a red nose.

Naturally she has to stand a good deal of geying on his account and skips him as much as possible. So much, in fact, that the poor man had no chance to plead his cause in private and alone and so was at last driven to the use of pen and paper.

Here is his production. It is recommended to all bashful lovers for its brevity and beauty, as well as businesslike construction:

Nettie, I want to know my fate. You know that I love you. Will you marry me? If so, speak to me about it. I think the world of you. Give me a chance, Nettie. Yours truly,

BLANKETY DASH.

And would you believe it? That heartless maiden hasn't "spoken to him about it" yet.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Story of Judge Mattacks.

Henry Keyes of Vermont was a life-long Democrat. Governor Mattacks—or Judge Mattacks—was for a brief period a Democrat also. After he got to be a judge he soon became a Whig. While holding court at St. Johnsbury he occupied a room at the leading hotel, which, as was usual during court time, was dull. Late at night Mr. Keyes arrived and wanted a bed. The landlord informed him that every bed in the house had two in it except the one that was occupied by Judge Mattacks.

"Go up and tell him that Henry Keyes wants to sleep with him."

The landlord went up, rapped at the judge's door, and told him his errand.

"Henry Keyes," said the judge half asleep; "Henry Keyes of Newbury? Democrat? Oh, yes, I've had it once. Let him in."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Mount Rainier's Shadows.

A recent visitor from the east to Puget sound describes with enthusiasm the wonderful shadow effects produced by, and upon, the gigantic snowy cone of Mount Rainier. It sometimes happens that the sky, as seen from the city of Tacoma just before sunrise, is covered with a dome of cloud 15,000 feet, or more, in height, while behind the peak, toward the east, the sky is clear. In such circumstances the rising sun casts the shadow of the great mountain upon the cloud curtain overhead in the form of a vast blue triangle, the point of which rests upon the apex of the peak. At other times the shadow of the earth can be seen creeping up the cone in a distinct curve, while the flush of sunset stains the snow above the line of shadow to a deep pink.—Youth's Companion.

Two Killed by a Gas Explosion.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—By the explosion of gas in the Cumberland mines two men were killed and a number wounded. The dead are: T. B. Jones, a miner, married; Bernarda Smeves, a miner, married. Among the injured are: Howard Fairlin, foreman of the mine; John Guthrie, Sr., maimed by falling wall; John Guthrie, Jr., burned; Fred Larson, seriously burned; John Mathews, seriously burned; Henry Thompson, seriously burned; two Japanese, injuries may prove fatal; two Chinese. The gas was released from an unknown feeder through the subsidence of the roof and was ignited by a torch carried by the miners.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

Merely a Question of Spelling.

He was the engineer of an ocean liner and prided himself on his knowledge of electricity. On one of his brief stays at home he accompanied his wife to a party. The subject of electricity coming up, he indignantly combated the idea that it was possible for two people to produce an electrical current through the body of a third by simple physical contact. His wife and a friend said they would prove it and, leading him to a window, told him to pull up his sleeves and place both hands flat on the glass. They then, on either side, took a firm grip on his wrists. At the end of a few moments his wife said:

"Don't you feel a pain, Willy?"

"No," he replied and returned a like negative to a second and a third inquiry.

At his third response most of the company began to laugh, and it suddenly flashed into his mind that the pronunciation of pain and pane was the same.—New York Tribune.

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TAYLOR INAUGURATED.

The Crowd in Attendance Smaller Than in Past Years.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 13.—William S. Taylor was inaugurated as governor at noon. The crowd was much smaller than in past years, due to the bad weather. The inaugural ceremonies were simple. Retiring Governor Bradley, in the course of his speech, said that he hoped the Goebel election law, which had brought so much turmoil to the state, would be wiped from the statute books. Governor-elect Taylor in his inaugural address said:

"The verdict rendered by the people last November was the mandate of the people in favor of civil liberty. It was the triumph of the people over the merciless, remorseless partisan machine, erected to enslave them."

He said one of the chief aims of his administration would be to secure the repeal of the election law. The oath of office was administered to Governor Taylor at noon by Chief Justice Hazelrigg.

The lately defeated Democratic candidates for state offices have begun serving notices of contests against the Republican candidates who were given certificates of election last week. Several have been served.

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